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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4171

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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BANGKOK AND KUALA LUMPUR FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB
DEPARTMENT PASS SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR, APER, LA

SUBJ: U.S. PRESENCE IN LAOS

REF: STATE 127086

1. WE HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY SAT DOWN TO APPEAL THE
INSTRUCTION TO REDUCE STAFF TO "UNDER 50" BY JUNE 5
BECAUSE WE FRANKLY THOUGHT THAT WASHINGTON HAD A
CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR SITUATION AT THE MOMENT
THAN REFTEL INDICATES. WE HAVE NEVER SAID THAT WE
FELT ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH SUCH A REDUCTION WITHIN THE
TIME-FRAME INDICATED AND ON THE CONTRARY HAVE STRESSED
IN SEVERAL TELECONS WITH DEPTOFFS THAT THERE WERE CON-
SIDERATIONS WHICH -- FOR US WHO ARE HAVING TO DO THE
ACTUAL WORK OF PHASE-DOWN -- ARE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN
ANY SPECIFIC NUMBER. (THIS PRESUMES, OF COURSE, THAT
WASHINGTON DOES NOT HAVE IN MIND SOME DRAMATIC UNILATERAL
ACTION, SUCH AS SUSPENSION OF RELATIONS OR PUBLIC ANNOUNCE-
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MENT OF FIRM ADMINISTRATION DECISION TO SEEK NO RPT NO

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR LAOS IN FY 76. THIS HAS NOT BEEN
THE SENSE OF THE CABLE TRAFFIC AND IF ANY SUCH THING IS
IN THE WIND, WE SHOULD CERTAINLY BE ADVISED OF IT SOONER
RATHER THAN LATER.)

2. AT THE MOMENT WE NEED EVERY OFFICER AMONG THE 150 OR
SO WE NOW HAVE (A REDUCTION OF MORE THAN HALF IN LESS THAN
TWO WEEKS). AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE HAVE HAD TO BRING IN
TDY PERSONNEL TO COVER C&R, SECRETARIAL AND OTHER MG<6&R5+!<*YF@/9NJA-&F-<" +P HIP@(T,
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